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Chief Justice Ronald M. George Honored With First Equal Justice Award

Fresno—Chief Justice Ronald M. George was honored yesterday with the first Ronald M. George Equal Justice Award presented by the Central California Legal Services, Inc. (CCLS).

The award, presented at the group's 40th anniversary luncheon at the Trade Center Building in Fresno, honors Chief Justice George for his leadership and lifelong dedication to the legal system.

“One can find around the globe ample examples of beautifully written constitutions and carefully spelled-out statutory schemes that in truth are no more than a curiosity having little or nothing to do with the actual conduct of government,” the Chief Justice said in accepting the award. “We in the United States are the envy of most developing nations because of our strong, impartial system of justice that is open to all.”

The CCLS, led by Executive Director Chris A. Schneider, provides legal services to low-income persons in a six-county area. More than 150 volunteer attorneys assist them in that effort.

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